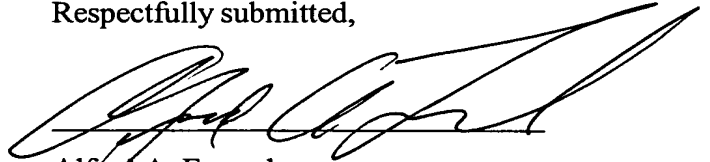


REMARKS

Applicant has amended the present application to remove multiple dependencies and to conform the application to proper U.S. practice. It is believed that this application is now in condition for examination. Examination of the claims and early passage to allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact applicant's attorney at the number below if there are any questions.

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